

GREAT CONGRESS GATHERINGS IN TORONTO and VANCOUVER (See Special Reports)

THE

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## Women Warriors Carry Forward The Flag



Some of the Officers Who Have Helped to Open Corps or Re-occupy Old Ground During the Past Year in the Canada East Territory. (See "Remarkable Progress" on Page 7)

London, England, October, 1917. W. BRAMWELL BOUTH.

**THE SEARCHLIGHT**

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called, according to the





**NOTED METHODIST**

Passes to His Eternal Reward—  
Was a Warm Friend of The  
Salvation Army.

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Before bringing the session to a close, Lieut.-Colonel Turner called on several to speak, among these being Adjutant Merrett, Adjutant Jackson, and Lieut. Col. Turner. Each made reference to blessings received, and of their determination to "go right through."

"One of the things which has impressed me most," said Lieut.-Colonel Turner, "is the singing of the old songs, those which have some solidity and depth about them. It has done my soul good. Communion, the heart-searching address, delivered in the morning session, also stirred me."

words:—  
"The blow from our point of view  
might well be crushing: but, on with  
the work for humanity and for  
God!"

Vancouver has earned a reputation for itself so far as Young People's Demonstrations are concerned, so that it is not to be wondered at that such a crowd should turn out for the Congress Young People's Demonstration. It was, however, a long time since any one present at this service had seen a building packed to such an extent as it was on this occasion. Long before the time for starting had arrived, the "full-up" sign had been hung up.

Adjutant J. Merrett (Victoria), when speaking on behalf of the Field Officers, made the following statement: "The upmost thought in my mind is what confidence we should have in our Leaders — they have the right ring about them — they are genuine through and through. The clear way in which the Commissioner has defined the need of our work has been extremely helpful to me personally, and I am going to do my utmost to inspire my men to do their best. I am determined to do my utmost, by the Grace of God, to solve the present-day problems connected with our labours for the Salvation of the people."

Other Officers who  
charge of new openi

period under review  
Mark Forward (Spring  
Lieutenant Emma  
Anthony's Bight, Nfld.  
Sarah Hicks (South  
Nfld.), and Lieutenant  
(Bridgewater, N.S.).  
distance prevented  
their photos in time

the wisdom of the ad-  
Salvation Army of the  
equality of service for  
men. Our women have  
well, now that there  
need they have risen  
just the manner it  
they would.

Has God called YC?  
Hearing His Voice?

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Commissioner A. J. Acknowledges the following for the boys examining Home League: 1. tablets soap, 2. packets writing pads, 1 pair mitts, 1. socks, and 15 bars of soap. The Home League, 7 p. Waterford, N.S. Home 1. card bags, containing one writing paper, packet of pencils, wash brush, Lifebuoy, soap box, tooth brush paste, pencil and card bag.

The concluding session was full of power and blessing. Both Commissioner and Mrs. Sowten's final words to their Officers made a deep impression on them. It was a solemn moment when the Chief Secretary requested all to spend a few

The Commissioner's final charge to the Delegates was listened to, and will be carried away by all present, and cannot help but stir our hearts to do greater and better things in these wonderful days which are ahead of us.

**Commissioner Mapp**

## HOPEFUL NEWS FROM PETROGRAD

A letter received by Mrs. Mapp from the Commissioner during the week, written from Petrograd, brings the welcome news that all is well with him. He speaks most hopefully of the prospects before The Salvation Army in Russia, and is evidently, notwithstanding some hardships, in good health and spirits.

Mrs. Mapp was present throughout the Congress Gatherings in Toronto, and in the final gathering of the Field Officers' Council, spoke gratefully of the warm and comradely sympathy she had been made to feel existed for her and the Commissioner at the present trying time.

## Toronto's Welcome Meeting

THE TEMPLE ADDS YET ANOTHER MEMORABLE GATHERING TO ITS RECORD

The Chief Secretary Leads—Representative Speakers Give Stirring Addresses and THE COMMISSIONER Makes an Urgent Call to "Be Filled With the Spirit"

IT was significant that at the opening meeting of the Congress on Friday night, special attention should be directed to a banner

of religion. He extended a hearty welcome to all the Officers, and expressed the confident hope that similar words of blessing would be experienced at this Congress as had already been felt at the Newfoundland and Maritime Provinces Congresses.

On behalf of the Field and Local Officers, Adjutant Layman (Montreal) made a fitting reply. "We are holding the first-line trenches," he said, "and by all means in our power are seeking to push forward the Salvation War."

### The Young People

Adjutant Burton (the Divisional Young People's Secretary for Quebec and East Ontario) represented the Young People. After referring to the worth of the Young People and the need of looking after them, he related some incidents showing that some of them had actually accomplished.

An outburst of applause greeted Chaplain-Captain White, as he rose to represent our comrades in khaki. He spoke briefly of his work at Camp Borden, and then sprang a surprise on every one by announcing that he was shortly going overseas at the request of the military authorities.

"I am grateful for the privilege I have of working amongst our lads in khaki," he said. "I feel that a tremendous responsibility rests upon me, and I ask an interest in your prayers. My aim is to do something for the immediate Salvation of men."

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which spread along almost the entire length of the Temple gallery, and contained these words, "Pray for a Revival of Religion."

That terse but arresting appeal seemed to strike the keynote of the Welcome Demonstration. It was selected in the opening petition of Mrs. Commissioner Napier, who prayed fervently for a baptism of the Spirit, "to better fit us for the work we have to do in the words of the representative speakers, and in the stirring address given by the Commissioner."

A revival of religion—that is the dominant need of the hour; the only thing that will save the situation. As Brigadier Morehen put it, when speaking on behalf of the Divisional Officers.

### With Hungry Hearts

"The time is ripe if we will rise to the occasion," he said. "We have come with hungry hearts to the Congress and hope it will stir us all up. Thank God for the position we hold to-day, but let us determine to push forward to attain a position we have never held before."

"Onward to conquer the world with Fire and Blood" was the very fitting motto to such a meeting, and the assembled Officers and Soldiers who packed the Temple to the doors sang it with an earnestness which betokened the burning in each heart to gain or retain the necessary power that would enable them to carry on the Salvation War with still more desperate valour.

While regretting it had not been possible to obtain a larger Hall for the Welcome Meeting, the Chief Secretary said that so many memories clustered around the Temple that it seemed as if the very building itself stirred the thoughts of Salvationists in the direction of a revival

# Canada's 35th Annual Congress

## DEMONSTRATES THE SALVATION ARMY IS A LIVING FORCE

"GOD IS READY: are we?" A thunderous shout of "Yes" was the instant response to this declaration and motion. The Toronto Temple was crowded. Commissioner Richards had outlined the characteristics of a soul-saving Army, and concluded with a fervent appeal for that wholehearted consecration which would make it possible for God to use the Salvation Army to bring about a real revival of religion.

If one incident more than another may be taken to represent the spirit of the 1917 Congress Gatherings it is that. From East and West, from North and South, to the Meetings and Congresses held in St. John's and Grand Falls (Nfld.), at St. John for the Maritime Provinces; at Winnipeg, Edmonton, and Vancouver for Great West; and now in Toronto for Ontario and Quebec, the Local Officers, and Soldiers have gathered together with a determination to obtain from God the blessing and empowerment which will send them back to their work flames of fire.

They have come in the Spirit. Judging from what we have been privileged to see and hear for ourselves, as well as from what has been reported by eye-witnesses elsewhere, Canada's fifteenth Annual Congress, as a whole, will be longest remembered for the remarkable degree to which steams was up to begin with, from the beginning the fire was burning brightly. There was a hum of life in the "boiler." The "safety valve" was lifting, ready for the opening of the valves. Then, when the fire was stirred, and more fuel added, what heights of pressure were attained, and what progress was made!

The great significance of this should not be lost. The Salvation Army is not a clockwork concern which runs down time, and these Annual Congresses are not the periodical

up of springs and cogs. The Salvation Army, Hallelujah! is a great engine with the Fire of God as the source of its driving power; and, more, it is an organism in which is the Breath of Life. So, instead of the blessing, the inspiration, the instruction of last Congress, and of the thirty and more which have gone before it, having been "used up" in the round of the year, we began this with an accumulation of experience and energy to which, we confidently predict, time will show, has been added a further extension of capacity and a greater measure of Divine endowment.

It must indeed be a source of intense gratification to Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, to Commissioner and Mrs. Bowton, and to all those associated with them in the leadership of the Army in these Territories, that what is at one and the same time last year's end and next year's beginning, finds the forces of the Salvation Army, notwithstanding all the special difficulties and losses inevitably associated with the present condition of the world, in such good spirits and excellent trim.

The public meetings and demonstrations have been exceptionally enthusiastic and successful, and, best of all, hundreds of seekers have knelt at the Mercy Seat. The great Imperial Theatre at St. Jean, N.B., and the vast Massey Music Hall at Toronto, three times in the latter case, have been crowded to overflowing, and the smaller Citadels and buildings used where no larger could be obtained, have been simply gorged, and then, in the aggregate, thousands of people have been turned away.

That The Salvation Army is of the people, for the people, and with the people has again been shown in unmistakable fashion. May God help us all to be equal to the opportunities and responsibilities. He has placed upon us! Again—"He is ready: are we?"

## Sunday in the Massey Hall

THREE GREAT MEETINGS ARE CONDUCTED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARDS

Sixty-one Seekers in Powerful Holiness Meeting—Mayor Church and Other Leading Citizens Command Army—133 Captures in the Great Salvation Battle

"CLEANSING for Me," were the first words which rang through the Massey Hall on Sunday morning. The Commissioner lined out this Song of heart-gripping Holiness truths with fervent conviction, and the congregation sang it enthusiastically. It was quickly evident that the doubters were in the minority. Gladness beamed from the faces of Officers, Soldiers, and friends alike, and soon the meeting became a veritable furnace of spiritual passion and fervour.

### A Responsive Chord

"Lieut.-Colonel Chandler's prayer, 'Give us victory, O God, and let us see Thy power demonstrated at the Cross,' found a responsive chord in many hearts, while 'Breathe upon me, even me,' sung by the Staff and Singing Party, increased the already deep feeling of devotion which prevailed."

The Bible-reading by Lieut.-Colonel Otway was made a channel for persuasive argument to unconditional surrender—"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly," came with prophetic force.

A solo by Brigadier Adby, "Not My Own," helped halting souls still further, and then Commissioner Richards was on his feet pointing out the "Highway of Holiness" in words and definite words.

"What is Holiness?" he asked. "This is a vital question to us all, and, bless God, it is an answer which every one may possess." "It is the state of man's spiritual nature in this life after actual sin has been pardoned, and the roots of inborn depravity are taken out." "God will

repay an hundred fold those who will surrender to Him and accept this blessing."

It was not long before the congre-



Mrs. Commissioner Richards

gation became one in thought and purpose. The standard of living which the Commissioner erected was not impossible to any, and certainly it coincided with the experience of many present.

He set himself out to encourage his Soldiers in their fighting, and he also set himself, by convincing illustrations, to awaken to their unsafe and unsatisfactory condition, those who had stepped from the Highway of Holiness, or who had never attempted to walk upon this victorious pathway.

As a final word, the terms on which Sanctification of heart and life could be obtained were made known. Scarcely had the invitation been given, when two comrades stood to their feet, signifying their desire to obtain this wonderful blessing.

The Holy Spirit moved upon the assemblage mightily, and a feeling that we were on holy ground pervaded the building. There was a wonderful breaking down of spiritual barriers, a great surrendering and a great incoming of Divine strength into weak humanity. It was indeed good to be there, and our hearts glowed within us!

### Seekers and Candidates

The total of those who came to the Mercy Seat was sixty-one. Amongst the number were four comrades who offered their lives to God as Candidates for Officership.

Many Hallelujahs were raised for the great victory achieved, and the testimony of an Officer of thirty years' experience: "I have never been in such a powerful meeting in all my experience—was the expression of many. Of a truth, 'Heaven came down our souls to greet, and Glory crowned the Mercy Seat!' Once more, Hallelujah!"

(See Pages 10 and 11 for Reports of the Afternoon and Evening Meetings.)



Commissioner and Mrs. Richards, with the Staff

embled in Toronto for the Territorial Congress of 1917

(Photo by Alex. McLean)













